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Dear Harold:

I am sorry for the delay in returning this questionnaire, but our semester is about to begin and I have had to do things for that.

I still strongly oppose HTLV-III or any combination of HTLV-III with LAV. From my point of view as a teacher of virology, it is too confusing to have the same names used for the virus of AIDS, which appears to be more and more like the lentiviruses, and HTLV-I and HTLV-II. I also accept that we have heard from clinicians about possible difficulties with the virus with the name AIDS in it. Therefore, I still do not like HALV, but would go along with the committee if that is the only way they can avoid HTLV-III. HIV or HTIV I would also accept just in the interest of having some name. I still prefer a completely neutral name like HRTV with another individual name as more is found about the viruses. I have also now heard that the human foamy virus has been cloned and is being sequenced. It will be interesting to see its relations and how it will fit into all of this naming.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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